

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND THE AVAILABILITY OF IODISED SALT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of demand and availability of iodised salt used to remove iodine deficiency among the people in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the standard prescribed for iodine content in the iodised salt;
- (c) whether the tests of iodine content in the salt available in the market are carried out regularly and if so, the percentage of iodine content found in the iodised salt
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide iodised salt free of cost to the people living below poverty line;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) The requirement of iodated salt for direct human consumption in all states and UTs is about 50 lakh MT per annum while the production of iodated salt in 2006-07 was 52 lakh MT.
- (b) As per standards laid down under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act/Rules 1954, the iodine content in iodated salt should not be less than 30 PPM (part per million) at the manufacturing level and not less than 15 PPM at the retail level.
- (c) Under NIDDCP, there is one IDD monitoring laboratory in every state/UTs Health Directorate for testing the iodine content of salt and urinary iodine excretion. Besides this, there are 72 public health laboratories for monitoring the iodine content of salt under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act/Rules. As per National Family Health Survey NFHS II – 1998-99, about 49% population of the country is consuming adequately iodated salt.
- (d)to(f) There is no such proposal.